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3. Young people resented the regime's efforts to prevent them from dancing or dressing the way they wanted, but otherwise the grievances of youth were pretty much those of the whole population.

Membership of the CSM (Czechoslovak Youth Organization)

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generally necessary for energy into institutions of higher learning, but that it was not a necessary prerequisite for good employment opportunities or for participation in organized sports. There was constant pressure on all young people to join the CSM, but the only people who joined were students, factory apprentices (internaty), white collar clerks, and members of the armed forces. Apprentices joined because they feared they might not be rated as skilled workers when they finished their training. Clerks joined because they feared they would be forced to do manual labor. Soldiers and airmen joined because they were subject to military discipline and feared that a way might be found to punish them if they refused to join.

5. For other young people, the CSM was mainly a paper organization.

Source had been a member in school.

the Kolin refinery , though
He paid his dues while in the air force.
went to a CSM meeting held during working hours at the refinery.
Although there were about 400 young people in the CSM age group
(14 to 26) at the refinery, and though about 200 of these held CSM
membership cards (without necessarily having kept their dues up to
date), only 12 persons were at the meeting.

membership in the CSM was not important for persons interested in sports. Very good sportsmen were given jobs by factories to play on factory teams without regard to CSM membership. The ordinary players belonged to the factory teams run by the trade-union organization, which in general had taken over much of the physical-training activities of the now generally defunct Sokol organization. As places in winter and summer resort hotels were allocated by the trade union. CSM membership was not important here either. Besides, in taking part in organ were run by communist activists in the CSM.

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